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1. The Hogar Bielo-Ruso [redacted], a mutual aid society which is replacing the former Comité Bielo-Ruso de Ayuda a los Herfanos de Guerra, is being organized by a committee which has its headquarters at Calle Enrique Ochoa 441, Nueva Pompeya (a southern suburb of Buenos Aires). Lew Strashynski, its president, is accelerating the organization plans as a result of special authorizations received during the Third Byelorussian Communist Congress held in Buenos Aires from 17 to 20 September 1948. The Hogar Bielo-Ruso is a Communist front organization in spite of its non-political contentions.
2. The Russian Lomonosov Club, formerly called the Centro Cultural Ruso, is partially subsidized by the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires. Its headquarters are at Calle Catamarca 1633, Buenos Aires. One of the principal purposes of the club is to draw Byelorussians into the orbit of Soviet influence and to convert them to Soviet ideology. (Fnu) Cetlin, a Russian Jew, and (fnu) Tarasenko are two of the most active members of the Lomonosov Club.
3. The Union Eslava is exerting pressure on the dissident Byelorussian Luckiewicz Library, located at Calle Nicaseo Orono 1246, for its refusal to comply with the Union's orders. Trofim Laszuk, recognized head of the Byelorussian Communist colony, and three of his colleagues recently called on the library's president, Nicolas Karpik, at which time they threatened him with serious consequences if the library officials do not comply with the Third Byelorussian Congress' resolution allowing them 30 days to resign.

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